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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US VIEWS REGARDING ICAO SPECIAL TRANS-  
PORT CONFERENCE, APRIL 13-26, 1977

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1. DEPT. OF TRADE (KEMMIS) TOLD US UK LOOKS AT ICAO AIR  
TRANSPORT CONFERENCE PRIMARILLY AS DIALOGUE BETWEEN DE-  
VELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE EXPECTS UK  
WILL MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE IN WHAT UK CONSIDERS WILL BE  
FOR ITSELF AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES A LARGELY DEFEN-  
SIVE EXERCISE. HE EXPECTS THAT MAJOR ISSUES BETWEEN  
DEVELOPED STATES WILL BE LARGELY SUBMERGED IN SUPPORT OF  
COMMON INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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2. IF US WERE TO SUPPORT STRONGLY BERMUDA PRINCIPLES,  
KEMMIS SAID, UK WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT NECESSARY TO STATE  
ITS VIEW THAT THOSE PRINCIPLES ARE NO LONGER PRACTICABLE.  
IF THE UK WERE TO DO THIS, HE SAID HE WOULD EXPECT THAT  
THE SCANDINAVIANS AND DUTCH WOULD ATTACK THE UK POSITION.

3. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH ICAO OFFICER AT DEPT. OF

TRADE (JIM GREEN, WHO WILL BE PART OF UK DELEGATION) HE TOLD US HE FOUND US VIEWS (REFTEL) BY AND LARGE WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEMS FOR UK. HE SAID HE ALSO BELIEVES DISCUSSIONS AT CONFERENCE LIKELY TO POLARIZE INTO A "NORTH/SOUTH" DIALOGUE.

4. ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES, GREEN SAID UK EXPECTS NO PROBLEM WITH AGENDA ITEM (1) (ENFORCEMENT); ITEMS 2 AND 3 LIKELY TO TURN INTO DEBATE LARGELY BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH LITTLE INTEREST IN CONTEXT OF CONFERENCE ON PART OF LARGE MAJORITY OF DEVELOPING STATES. ITEM 4 (MACHINERY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRFARES) IS LIKELY TO BE THE MAJOR POINT OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING STATES AND, GREEN EXPECTS, WILL LEAD TO MOST HEATED EXCHANGE BETWEEN MAJOR AVIATION STATES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE NOTED UK EXPECTS DEVELOPING STATES WILL TRY TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FOR GREATER SAY IN FARE DEVELOPMENT AND SETTING. WHILE UK (AND, HE EXPECTS, OTHER MAJOR AVIATION STATES) WILL SYMPATHIZE WITH THESE ASPIRATIONS. HE EXPECTS ANY STRONG MOVE BY LESS DEVELOPED STATES IN THIS AREA WILL BE OPPOSED.

5. GREEN SAID UK CONSIDERS GREATEST VALUE OF CONFERENCE MAY BE AS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR LESS DEVELOPED STATES. HE SAID HE BELIEVES CLOSE COORDINATION WILL BE NEEDED AMONG DELEGATIONS OF MAJOR AVIATION STATES TO CONTROL OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE.

6. UK DEL TO CONFERENCE WILL BE ROGERS (HEAD OF UK DEL), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLEGATE (CAA), BONNEY (CAA) AND GREEN (DEPT. OF TRADE). ROBIN GOODISON (CAA) WILL ATTEND FOR FIRST FEW DAYS UNTIL COLEGATE ARRIVES FROM US/UK TALKS IN WASHINGTON; TWO UK REPRESENTATIVES FROM HONG KONG WILL ALSO TAKE PART. THERE WILL BE NO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE REPRESENTATION AS UK DOES NOT EXPECT THAT ANY MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES WILL BE RAISED AT THE CONFERENCE.

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